SRI A. R BADRINARAYAN.—For the construction of such a huge wall measuring about 144 ft. in length and 30 ft. in height, may I know whether the Municipality had given a licence for the construction of such a godown?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—My information is that the Municipality had prescribed certain specifications for the construction; and whether the construction was done according to those specifications and all other material are under investigation. Probably it may not be out of place for me to suggest that since it is before the court, it will not be advisable for the Government to disclose such details.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Whether a licence has been taken and issued by the Municipality is the question. I want to know yes or no.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Such an information is not available in the records before me. My unofficial information is that specifications were prescribed and this may not be upto the specifications. But anyway I cannot tell you straight away about that.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Is the Government aware that allround the rice mill there are wet lands particularly consisting of black cotton soil and the land is very slippery and the foundation is not very deep and who was supervising the work?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have already stated that all these things are being examined by a competent authority and certainly Government will take necessary action to see that there is any lapse on the part of the contractor or the owner, they will be punished.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—If there are lapses on the part of the parties, may I know whether the Government is prepared to institute an inquiry to the causes of this calamity?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Nobody is too great before the law.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for Labour).—[On behalf of the Minister for Transport], I beg to lay Notification No.....

MADAM SPEAKER.—The same thing is being continued here also In this connection I would like to give a ruling.

"Ministers lay papers on the Table of the House in pursuance of the provisions in the Constitution, Statute etc., Whenever papers are to be laid the same is included in the list of business in the name of the Minister concerned. It is often observed that when the name

of the Minister who has to lay the paper is called the Minister is not present and some other Minister suddenly rises and states that he is laying the paper on behalf of the other Minister. This is not the proper parliamentary practice. It has been ruled in Loka Sabha that only the Minister in whose name the time stands in the list of business or his deputy can lay the paper. If the Minister has to be unavoidable absent, he should write to the Speaker that another Minister (naming him) will lay the paper. In our Assembly also a ruling has been given by the Deputy Speaker on 3rd March 1975 that the concerned Minister alone should lay the paper unless he has written to the Speaker previously that some other Minister will lay the paper on his behalf. On a subsequent occasion on 8-3-1975 a Minister was not allowed to lay a paper on behalf of another Minister."

In view of the above, I trust this Procedure will be followed by all strictly in future.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—We are very happy that a ruling has been given in the Lok Sabha that unless the Minister gives in writing to the Hon' Speaker that he is unable to be present in the House and that somebody else can lay the papers. Under the circumstances I would request you to logically proceed and see that whichever Minister is not present here and in whose names the papers have been cited to be laid, in view of the ruling already given, nobody else should be allowed to lay the papers on the table of the House.

I saw the Hon. Minister for Transport just now getting in and talking to some Ministers and going away. I do not know whether he has gone out for coffee. It is an irresponsible behaviour apart from impropriety of the parliamentary procedure. I would request the Chair to logically follow the ruling given, and say that this Minister has no right to represent another Minister.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Madam Speaker, I quite appreciate the ruling and the procedure that you have laid down and also that has been laid down in the Lok Sabha should be accepted and you have made it amply clear in your statement, that for to-day, the Hon. Minister has been permitted to lay the paper.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—Who said it ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Speaker said it.

SRI M. S KRISHNAN.—You want to take shelter under that ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I take shelter under the ruling of the Chair.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—I would request you to logically conclude your ruling by not permitting the Hon'ble Minister to lay the Notification on behalf of another Minister.

SRI H. M CHANNABASAPPA.—The Speaker has given the ruling and we follow it.

SRI M.S. KRISHNAN.—The Hon'ble Speaker has a right to revise the ruling and I request the Speaker to come to the logical conclusion and the Notification may be laid on the table tomorrow.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Hon. Speaker has not revised the ruling.

SRI S M. YAHYA.—We will adhere to the ruling of the Hon. Speaker. In the case of laying of papers, it has almost become a practice to lay papers on behalf of other Ministers.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN —We have raised objection and you have upheld the objection earlier also. You have given a considered ruling to-day in the light of the Lok Sabha decision. Under the circumstances, they have no business to lay the papers on behalf of other Ministers.

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for Labour and Excise).—[On behalf of the Minister for Transport and Tourism,] I beg to lay:

Notification No. CSR 46 dated 10th February, 1976 The Karnataka Motor Vehicles (Taxation on Passengers and Goods) Ist Amendment) Rules, 1976 under sub-section (3) of S ction 21 of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles (Taxation on Passengers and Goods) Act, 1961.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—I beg to lay:

Notification No. GSR 45 dated 15th September, 1976 The Karnataka Weights and Measures (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 1975 under section 43 of Karnataka Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958.

MADAM SPEAKER.—All the Papers are laid. The next Notification will be taken up tomorrow.

KARNATAKA (ENHANCEMENT OF CERTAIN CESSES) BILL, 1976.

Consideration of Clauses.

CLAUSE 2

Madam SPEAKER.—The Amedments to Clause 2 may be moved by Sri T. R. Shamanna and Sri M.S. Krishnan.